

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☒

Property Name: Western Cemetery Inventory Number: B-1376

Address: 3001 Edmondson Avenue City: Baltimore Zip Code:

County: Baltimore City USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore West

Owner: Baltimore City Is the property being evaluated a district? yes

Tax Parcel Number:  Tax Map Number:  Tax Account ID Number:

City of Baltimore, Department of Public  
Works - Bureau of Transportation

Project: Edmondson Avenue Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation Agency:

Site visit by MHT Staff: no ☒ yes Name: Andrew Lewis Date: 01/21/2004

Is the property located within a historic district? yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number:

NR-listed district  Eligible district  District Name:

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes ☒ no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Rehabilitation and/or Replacement of the Edmondson Avenue Bridge - Cultural Resources Assessment

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Western Cemetery is located at 3001 Edmonson Avenue, just east of the Gwynns Falls Park. The forty-five acre cemetery is generally bounded by Edmonson Avenue on the north; Ellicott Driveway and the Gwynns Falls Valley on the west; the Amtrak railway lines (former Penn Central Railroad) on the south; and Longwood Street on the east. The cemetery has a few curving pathways on the northern section

Headstones are small, but there are two large gate stones near the entrance at Edmondson Avenue. Western Cemetery was established and is owned by the Fayette Bennett Methodist Episcopal Church. The land was purchased in 1844 and the first burial was February 11, 1846. A charter for the cemetery was granted on February 27, 1850. The cemetery was expanded in 1887, 1895 and 1905.

In 1982, in conjunction with the proposed connector between I-95 and I-170, CHAP conducted a historic resources study for the Gwynns Falls valley. The study area included the valley south of Edmonson Avenue to Wilkins Avenue and included an evaluation of the Western Cemetery at 3001 Edmonson Avenue. The study found that the Western

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Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments:

Andrew Lewis  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

4/28/04  
Date

B. Lewis  
Reviewer, NR Program

4/28/04  
Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

Cemetery was not eligible for the National Register based upon the National Register criteria excluding the listing of cemeteries except when the significance is based upon the graves of persons of transcendent importance, age, distinctive design features or an association with historic events. As there does not appear to be any events, persons, or architectural/design merit that meets National Register Criteria Consideration D, for the inclusion of cemeteries, the cemetery does not appear to be eligible for the National Register.

Prepared by: David C. Berg

Date Prepared: February 12, 2004

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Source: USGS Baltimore West Quad.

Map Showing Boundaries of the Western Cemetery.



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Entrance to Western Cemetery, Looking East

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